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to pray "without ceasing" (1 Thess 5:17), and "... all things, whatsoever ye shall ask in prayer, believing, ye shall receive" (Matt 21:22).

One verse which speaks especially to those in anxious need is Ephesians 3:20: "Now unto him that is able to do exceeding abundantly above all that we ask or think ..." says that our God is a "bonus-giving" God who gives us more than what we ask for! The apostle ends Ephesians 3 with a doxology of praise in verse 21: "Unto him be glory in the church by Christ Jesus throughout all ages, world without end. Amen."

### 3. Mrs Phoebe Ling, wife of Preacher Ling, Sibü

For over 20 years Mrs Phoebe Ling has served the Lord faithfully alongside her husband, Preacher Ling, in Sibü BP Church, Sarawak. In 1994, the vision in her left eye was blurred due to a pituitary tumor pressing against her optic nerve. After surgery in Kuching she recovered her vision for a time.

Recently, the tumour has recurred and radiotherapy was recommended. Our Board of Elders has advised her to come to Singapore for treatment, as we have more advanced technology. Dr Tan Eng Huat has arranged for her to be under the care of the Radiologist Dr Chua Eu Tiong in SGH. Mrs Ling arrived in Singapore on 13 April 2010. CT scan and MRI were done. Dr Chua has prescribed

radiotherapy daily for five and a half weeks. Her treatment started on 27 April 2010.

Please pray that Mrs Ling will be able to bear the treatment and side effects and that God will heal her completely.

### 4. "By this shall all men know ... ye are my disciples" (Jn 13:35)

When our Session learnt of Mrs Ling's illness and the urgent need of specialist medical care, action was taken to seek urgent medical attention.

Mrs Ling is a visitor to Singapore. She has been given hospitality in the home of Elder and Mrs Chew Chong Kiat. Mrs Julie Chew accompanies her to SGH for treatment sessions, which gives her greatest comfort and encouragement.

While Session will take care of the financial costs, the medical fees are estimated to exceed S\$12,000. Readers who wish to extend a helping hand may send in their gifts in our Love Gift Envelopes by the weekly offering bags, remembering our Lord's words, "By this shall all men know that ye are my disciples, if ye have love one to another."

Finally, let all of God's praying people continue in fervent prayer, that God's will may be fulfilled perfectly.

*Faithfully in the Lord  
Dr SH Tow, Sr Pastor*



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THEME: "Walking with God in Perilous Times"  
(2 Tim 3:1)

Senior Pastor: Rev Dr Tow Siang Hwa  
Pastor: Rev Dr Quek Suan Yew

LORD'S DAY, 2 May 2010

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My dear readers,

### 1. Prayer Request

"The effectual fervent prayer of a righteous man availeth much" (James 5:16). This precious promise comes from the New Testament. From the Old Testament we have an equally precious one and probably better known. "Call unto me, and I will answer thee, and shew thee great and mighty things, which thou knowest not" (Jer 33:3)

We have for readers' attention and fervent prayer the following items:

· Tonight at SGBF Dr Mark Harwood of Creation Ministries International (Australia) will speak on "Dealing with Elephants in the Parlour." He is a satellite telecom consultant.

· Mrs Phoebe Ling, wife of Preacher Ling of Sibü BP Church, Sarawak, will be completing the first week of radiotherapy for a pituitary tumour, with four weeks more to go.

### COMBINED FAMILY CAMP 2010 7 to 12 June 2010

The Royale Bintang, Seremban  
Register from 25 April (today) to 9 May!  
Register online now at  
[www.pandancamp.com](http://www.pandancamp.com) or  
outside the Main Sanctuary after worship  
service

· Mrs SH Tow, being admitted to Mt Elizabeth Hospital today, for surgery on Monday 3 May, for an aortic aneurysm (ballooning) due to a defective aortic valve.

### 2. "Faith ... the substance of things hoped for"

Hebrews 11, the "Faith Chapter" of the Bible, is full of comfort and hope for God's people. God's Word assures us that by faith we His praying children may obtain wonderful blessings from God. Verse 6 enjoins us to pray, *believing*; elsewhere we are commanded

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### DAILY VACATION BIBLE COLLEGE

3 - 8 May 2010, 8.30 am to 12.00 pm

### HARMONY OF THE GOSPELS

Lecturer: Dr Jeffrey Khoo

Venue: FEBC, 9A Gilstead Road.

Registration forms are available from Tabernacle Books & RPG rack

### SUNSET GOSPEL BIBLE FELLOWSHIP

Theme: Victorious Living In Perilous Times

2 May (6 pm)

9 May (6 pm)

Topic: Dealing with Elephants in the Parlour

FEBC 35th Graduation Service

Preacher: Dr Mark Harwood

Worship Leader: Rev Dr Quek Suan Yew

Dr SH Tow

A very warm welcome to visitors and friends in the name of  
our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ

## PANDAN FACTS & FIGURES

Ring Pastor Quek 6566 5716; Mobile - 9671 9310 any time; Email - suanyew@gmail.com

- 10.00 am**    **Pre-Service Prayer Meeting: JW Sanctuary**  
**Today:** Dn Chia Chung Seng; **N/W:** Elder Sim Siang Kok
- 10.15 am**    **Pre-Service Singing: Today:** Elder Chew Chong Kiat; **N/W:** Ko Lingwei
- 10.30 am**    **Lord's Day**  
**Today**        **Worship Leaders**    : **Dn Milton Ang / Dn James Fu**  
**Speaker**                : **Dr SH Tow**  
**Message**                : **“The Day of the Lord” (2 Pet 3:10)**
- Next Week**    **Worship Leaders**    : Dn Chia Chung Seng / Dn Han Whie Kwang  
**Speaker**                : Rev Dr Quek Suan Yew  
**Message**                : “What Manner of Persons Are We” (2 Pet 3:11-12)

### Last Week's ( 25.04.10 ) Attendances and Offerings

English Worship	10.30 am	1,145	\$33,052.10
Junior Worship		151	
Mandarin Worship	8.00 am	177	\$ 3,213.45
Mandarin JW		36	
SGBF	6.00 pm	312	\$ 3,551.20
Prayer Meeting (Tuesday)	8.15 pm	120	

### Lord's Day Activities

<b>Basic Bible Knowledge</b>	12.15 pm - 1.15 pm, Cryroom <i>Today:</i> Lesson 16: False Teachings In The Church i/c Pr AW Lek <i>N/W:</i> Lesson 17: Witnessing for Christ i/c Elder Goh Kee Tai		
ABC	12.15 pm -	1.15 pm,	Rooms #02-05-07
DHW	12.15 pm -	1.15 pm,	Sanctuary, 2nd level
Teens' Meeting	12.15 pm -	1.15 pm,	JW Sanctuary, #02-03
Young People Discn Gp (17-20)	12.15 pm -	1.15 pm,	Rooms #04-05 & #04-06
Library	12.15 pm -	1.30 pm,	Room #03-04
AV Library	12.15 pm -	1.15 pm,	Room #02-02
Choir	1.30 pm -	3.30 pm,	Rooms #02-05-07
Tracting	1.45 pm,	Lobby outside Sanctuary (2nd & 4th Week)	

### Lord's Day Duties

	<i>2 May</i>	<i>9 May</i>
<b>Musicians Morning</b>	Adrian Ho / Sharon Lim	Michelle Chiang / Lois Teo
<i>SGBF (6 pm)</i>	Adrian Ho / Rachel Han	FEBC
<b>Greeters</b>	David, Hui Meng Loh & fmy	Foo Tee Jiam & Chiew Mee
<b>Welcomers</b>	Randal Chow & family	Peter & Sharon Chung
<b>Lunch Coupon Sale</b>	Ron & Trudy Sim	Sharon Lim & Hui Hwen
<b>Kitchen Duty</b>	YAF	Choir
<b>Ushers</b>	Choir	Steven Lee, Nam Moon, Kwok Weng, Heng Wee, Samuel Chiang, Joe Chan, Edgar Teo, Thian Guan, Andrew Chiang, SKY, Chee

Life on earth is extremely precious. Everyone is given a fixed time span. There is no top-up to this amount. Whatever is given to each individual is not up to him but only to the all sovereign God. He decides. Since man is not aware of the length of time he will spend on this earth, it is incumbent upon him to spend his time circumspectly. There is no second chance. Every second spent is a second gone. That second cannot be recalled back to be re- spent! During this time on earth, everyone is also given a certain amount of material belongings. He is to use them wisely and fruitfully. The God who has entrusted him with both will require an account from him on how he has spent them. This parable of the unjust steward teaches us how we ought to live this life and spend our time on this earth!

**Elements of the Parable** – A certain rich man is God; the unjust steward refers to any carnal man; mammon refers to all material possessions.

**Explaining the Parable** – The rich man called his steward to give an account of his stewardship. The rich man had heard that this steward was dishonest. In order to ascertain the truthfulness of this allegation against him, the rich man called the steward to prove his innocence. If the allegations were true, then he would lose his job as steward.

The steward knew that he was guilty of cheating his lord. Before he gave his account in the lord's presence, he started to reason how he must provide for himself after he loses his job. He said within himself that he could not dig. Literally, it means that he has no strength to dig. He was ashamed to beg. He was ashamed to start begging and to continue begging! This was the sad end which he anticipated would happen after working

as a steward in his lord's household where he had servants under him. The phrase “I am resolved” in Greek is difficult to capture in English. A. T. Robertson said, “A difficult tense to reproduce in English. I knew, I know, I have known, all miss it a bit. It is a burst of daylight to the puzzled, darkened man: I've got it, I see into it now, a sudden solution.” He was desperate to provide for his future. Everything he had worked for was about to go up in smoke! In this state of desperation, he saw a light out of this long dark tunnel he had dug for himself.

He would provide for himself by making friends with some of the lord's debtors! These debtors would remember the kindness he shows them and would receive him into their houses when he needs help. While he still possessed the authority as his lord's steward, he began to reduce the debt of his lord's debtors. The amounts he reduced varied from 20 to 50 percent. These were quite substantial. He wanted to make an impression in the minds of the debtors that he had done them a good deed.

After Jesus mentioned this act of the unjust steward, He said that the lord commended the unjust steward for doing wisely! How could the lord commend this unjust steward for an unjust act? The statement of contrast he made will help us understand. The statement is, “for the children of this world are in their generation wiser than the children of light.” The lord did not commend the unjust steward for his acts of cheating and self-preservation. He used the shrewd behaviour of the unjust steward to highlight to believers their shortsightedness, or rather foolishness. Are the children of light not supposed to understand the beginning and the end of this world? Are they not spiritually aware of the punishment for sins and the newness of spirit found in every truly born again believer? Did God not reveal to His children truths like the end of this world, sin

<b>SGBF Singspiration</b>	Elder Chew Chong Kiat	Weng, Kim Hai, Wei Jun
<b>SGBF Ushers</b>	Choir	Dn Chia Chung Seng
		Steven Lee, Nam Moon,
		David Wong, Ming Kin,
		Wai Ho, Mark Woo
<b>SGBF Greeters</b>	Lee Yu Wei & Yu Jie	Truth BPC
<b>SGBF Welcomers /</b>	Patrick Tan & Hwee Ping	Samuel & Irene Tham
<b>Dinner Coupon Sales</b>		
<b>SGBF Kitchen Duty</b>	Choir	Truth BPC

**Activities for the week (3-8 May)**

- Tuesday 8.15 pm **PRAYER MEETING** i/c Elder Chew Chong Kiat
- Fri 8.15 - 9.30 pm **ADULTS FELLOWSHIP BIBLE STUDY (AFBS):** Room #02-10  
Bible Study on 1st, 2nd & 3rd John Rev Dr Pradhudas Koshy  
*All Adults are welcome to join*
- Saturday 1.30 pm **CHURCH VISITATION FELLOWSHIP** - Those minded to serve in this ministry, please meet in Room #02-10. All are welcome!
- 2.30 pm **CMC** (Calvary Mission to Children)
- 5.00 -8.30 pm **YOUTH FELLOWSHIP:** Cryroom, 3rd level Sanctuary  
A Study on Colossians (Part 1) Bro Joshua Yong  
*Come join us for our prayer meeting at 5.00 pm*
- 5.00 pm **YAF** cottage meeting in the home of Hsien Yong & Ruth. Add: 20 Holland Dr, #09-405  
Betrayed, Framed and Forgotten Dr Jeffrey Khoo
- 7.00 - 9.00 pm **Myanmar Fellowship:** Room #04-05

**HOME News & Announcements**

**1. Last Week's LOVE GIFTS TO DESIGNATED FUNDS: \$11,411**

**Ajin Thu - Pontianak** 50 = \$50; **Ann Clements & Family** 200, 200, 50, 50, 3 = \$503; **Baraka BP Church** 100, 100 = \$200; **BCEA** 50, 144, 100 = \$294; **BCEA, Tanzania** 20 = \$20; **Bethel DC - Chiang Rai** 50, 60, 50, 50 = \$210; **Bethel DC - Chiang Rai (Hall Extn)** 50, 50 = \$100; **Dignadice Rev (Police & Army Ministry)** 10, 70, 50, 30, 50, 50 = \$260; **Ethiopian**

**SIGN UP QUICK! - says Dr Tow**

All helpers are invited

**HELPERS' APPRECIATION LUNCH**

**28 May (Friday - Vesak Day Holiday)**

- 10.00 - 10.20 am: Singspiration (Main Sanctuary)
- 10.20 - 11.20 am: Message - **Why Do I Really Serve?** (by Pastor Tow)
- 11.30 pm: Lunch (Fellowship Hall)
- 12.15 pm: Table activities over lunch
- 1.15 pm: Estimated End Time
- Registration (for tables of 8) is now open. Kindly indicate your participation with Dn James Fu. Last day for registration is 9 May

**THURSDAY LADIES FELLOWSHIP MEETING**

**THEME: STUDYING FROM 1<sup>ST</sup> CORINTHIANS**

Date: 20 May, Thurs, 1.30-4.00 pm  
Place: #02-14, Lounge (left of Tabernacle Bookroom)  
Subject: **Judge Righteous Judgment**  
Speaker: Rev Dr Quek Suan Yew  
*"But if we walk in the light, as he is in the light, we have fellowship one with another, and the blood of Jesus Christ his Son cleanseth us from all sin." 1 Jn 1:7*  
**All ladies are welcome to come and join us in fellowship**

**Bible College** 100 = \$100; **Ethiopian Bible Students** 80 = \$80; **FEBC** 500, 500, 40, 50, 100, 200, 50, 50, 100, 10, 50, 20, 150 = \$1,820; **FEBC - Lawsuit** 50 = \$50; **FEBC - Tammy Ho** 20, 10 = \$30; **FEBC - Graduation** 100 = \$100; **FEBC - Marilyn Nanta** 100 = \$1000; **FEBC - Students** 950 = \$950; **Golden Years** 50, 50 = \$100; **Hilltop** 100, 20, 5, 50, 50, 20, 50 = \$295; **Hilltop Student** 20, 400, 50, 302 = \$772; **Harrison & Charlene** 10 = \$10; **Jordan** 500, 50 = \$550; **Jose Lagapa** 50, 50 = \$100; **Lek Aik Wee, Pr** 50 = \$50; **Ling Soon Ing Pr** 150 = \$150; **Ling Soon Ing (Mr) - Medical** 200, 50 = \$250; **Pang Kok Hiong Rev** 200, 30, 50, 100, 12, 50, 150, 50 = \$642; **Peter Yoksan, Pr** 50, 500, 100, 15, 50 = \$715; **Pontianak Kalimantan** 100, 50, 50, 10, 50, 50, 10, 10 = \$330; **Quek Suan Yew, Rev (Dr)** 160, 50 = \$210; **RPG - English/Chinese** 500, 100, 100, 50 = \$750; **Saipan/China** 50, 500, 50 = \$600; **Tow SH, Dr** 50, 50 = \$100; **Rev Tan Kian Sing** 100 = \$100; **Rev Eben Yoon** 50, 500, 270 = \$820

**Building Extension (Cost \$2.1 Million) - Collection todate: S\$1,842,012.58**

**Last week:** 50, 600, 172, 350, 50, 50, 50, 50, 250, 50, 100, 100, 50, 50, 150, 50, 100, 100, 1000, 1000, 1, 1, 0.35, 10, 6, 5, 62 = **Total: \$4,457.35**

**DESIGNATED LOVE GIFT ENVELOPES** are available at RPG Rack.

- MRS TOW'S OPERATION** on heart and aorta is scheduled for Monday 3 May at Mt Elizabeth Hospital. Please pray, send no flowers or fruits. No visitors please - Doctor's order.
- ELDER SIM SIANG KOK** is preaching at Tabernacle BPC this afternoon. Please uphold him in prayer.
- CPK REGISTRATION FOR INTAKE 2011** - Registration for the 2011 Intake is now open to Church members' children born in 2008. Please call 65603884 for an appointment. A copy of the child's birth certificate and \$30 will be required for registration.

**FCM Camp 2010** will be held from Mon-Sat, 17-22, May 2010 at Calvary Pandan BPC. Theme: "Parables for Children of God's Kingdom" by 13 Pastors/Preachers/Elders. Register at [www.fcm.sg/camp](http://www.fcm.sg/camp) today! Closing Date: 8 May. All tertiary students welcome. For more info, contact Jason Liew at 90178213.

**YEARLY TEENS RETREAT**  
21 - 24 June  
Venue: Camp Challenge Sembawang  
Speaker: Dr Paul Ferguson  
Theme: One Body In Christ  
For more info, contact Ern-Min at 81010695

and death, Hell and the Lake of Fire? Do believers not know that God has reserved this world for destruction by fire? If these revelations are true and the believers claim that they believe in God, then why are their lives not lived in light of these revelations and truths? In this sense, the children of the world are perceived to be wiser than the children of light. They lived their lives, albeit sinfully and wickedly, in light of their perceived future.

**Applying the Parable** –The LORD Himself gave the application of this parable when He said, “**9** Make to yourselves friends of the mammon of unrighteousness; that, when ye fail, they may receive you into everlasting habitations. **10** He that is faithful in that which is least is faithful also in much: and he that is unjust in the least is unjust also in much. **11** If therefore ye have not been faithful in the unrighteous mammon, who will commit to your trust the true *riches*? **12** And if ye have not been faithful in that which is another man's, who shall give you that which is your own?”

The first lesson to note is that believers must know how to use the material blessings from the LORD for His glory. All material belongings are considered as the least in this parable. They are temporal and will perish one day. Christians are to be generous and help those in need. By our good works, they may see Christ in us and glorify God by becoming Christians. When we die, they will also be in heaven to receive us. This is not a teaching about salvation by good works but rather to see the good works of the believers as bearing fruits of salvation.

The second lesson to learn is that faithfulness in the use of material blessings will result in faithfulness in much, such as taking care of the souls of believers. Souls are eternal and they are by far more precious than gold or silver or precious stones. Misers cannot be made pastors or elders or even deacons. They will be tight-fisted with the tithes and offerings of God's people. Their love for God's people

will be carnal and warped. Such individuals will hamper God's work. Watch how a person handles his material belongings and you will see how he will handle God's people and God's work! Therefore, if he is unjust in his material things he will also be unjust in greater things.

The third lesson is that faithfulness breeds more faithfulness. If the believer does not know how to manage his unrighteous mammon (make right what he has gained by sinful means) God will surely not entrust him with true riches (tithes and offerings of God's people and the souls of people as well). God owns all things including all that belongs to the believer. If the believer does not know how to take care by using properly the material blessings, how will God give to him what could have been his eternally, i.e. his reward in heaven. In other words, sinners will do what is right after they become Christians. Zacchaeus returned to all the money had taken wrongfully (unrighteous mammon) and with interest. This is one of the clear evidences of being genuinely born again.

This parable reveals the heart of the believer. He cannot love or serve both God and mammon. It is either God or mammon! He loves God as a true believer would or love mammon as a false believer would! The reaction of the Pharisees shows that they understood exactly what Jesus was talking about and who he was talking about. The Pharisees were covetous. They derided him, i.e. they scoffed or sneered at Christ!

How are you in relation to your material belongings? Are they your lord and master? Are you a miser? Wherein is your confidence – God or mammon? Does the loss in your bank account bring fear into your heart? To be faithful in least will mean that we will be faithful in much!

*N/W: Elder Jeffrey Cheong  
F/W: Rev Dr Quek Suan Yew*

